

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.717a Absent voters' ballots where voting machines used exclusively; form, contents, discontinuance.

Sec. 717a. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in cities, villages or townships where voting machines are used exclusively, the absent voter ballots for all elections, if ordered by resolution of the election commission thereof, and approved by the election commission of the county, may be a consolidated ballot and be a replica of the face of the voting machine, both as to arrangement and coloring, with the following exceptions:

(a) The absent voter ballot need not be of the same size as the face of the voting machine, but may be reduced by not more than 1/3. The instructions to the absent voter shall be printed thereon. In place of the party lever, a circle shall be shown; and in place of the individual candidate levers, squares shall be shown. The circle shall be not less than 1/4 inch in diameter and the squares shall be not less than 3/16 inch square.

(b) The names of candidates for each office or proposal shall be arranged on the absent voter ballot by precinct in the same manner as on the voting machines used in that precinct. The ballots shall be numbered consecutively from 1 upwards in the upper right hand corner, on the front side thereof. The ballot shall be perforated diagonally across the upper right hand corner so that the number can be readily torn off.

(c) The instructions to the absent voter printed on the absent voter ballot shall be prepared by the clerk of the city, village or township and shall follow as nearly as possible the instructions for voting of regular paper ballots.

(2) In counties where voting machines are used exclusively throughout said county the absent voter ballots for all county-wide and state-wide elections, if ordered by resolution of the election commission of the county, may be a consolidated ballot and a replica of the face of the voting machine, both as to arrangement and coloring with the exceptions herein before noted.

(3) The clerk of any city, village or township, the election commission of which has ordered the absent voter ballot for all elections held therein to be in the form described in this section, shall certify to the county clerk of the county in which the unit of government is located, a copy of the resolution so adopted. The county clerk shall furnish the city, village or township absent voter ballots in the form established for all elections held thereafter in the city, village or township in which he is required to furnish ballots.

(4) If the election commission of any city, village or township after the adoption of such a resolution desires to discontinue the use of an absent voter ballot of the form established in this act, it may discontinue its use upon the adoption of a resolution. The clerk of the city, village or township shall thereupon certify to the county clerk of the county in which the unit of government is located a copy of the resolution so adopted.

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